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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

CLARK LUM

Serial No.: 10/090,632

Filed: March 6, 2002

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
DELIVERING UMBILICAL CORD-
DERIVED TISSUE-MATCHED
STEM CELLS FOR
TRANSPLANTATION

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: WOITACH, Joseph T.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 26, 2004, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the cell species of CD34+ cells and the matched loci type species of HLA-A, for initial examination in the present application. Claims 5 and 13 read on the elected cell species. New claim 17 reads on the elected type of matched loci species. Claims 1-17 are generic to the CD34+ cells species. Claims 1-16 are generic to the type of matched loci type species.

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

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Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks: begin on page 6 of this paper.